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I'm a historian of precolonial East Africa with a particular emphasis on the Great Lakes region. My research and teaching interests center on health and healing, historical anthropology, and methodologies for writing early African history. My first book, *Beyond the Royal Gaze: Clanship and Public Healing in Buganda*, won the Melville Herskovits Prize of the African Studies Association. My current project examines the history of medical pluralism in the Great Lakes region from ca. 1000-1940. This project bridges precolonial ideas about health and healing with colonial ones in an effort to provide a novel perspective from which to examine the spread and reception of biomedicine in Africa during the first half of the twentieth century.



Selected Publications:

- *Beyond the Royal Gaze: Clanship and Public Healing in Buganda* (University of Virginia Press, 2010): [Webpage at University of Virginia Press](#)
- "Networks of Knowledge: Clanship and Collective Well-Being in Buganda," *The Journal of African History* 49, 2 (July 2008): 197-216.
- "History from the Healer's Shrine: Genre, Historical Imagination, and Early Ganda History," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 49, 3 (July 2007): 527-552.
- "Renovating Tradition: The Discourse of Succession in Colonial Buganda," *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 34:3 (2001), 511-542.

Courses Taught:

Lecture Courses:

- History 377 - History of Africa 1500-1875
- History 444 - History of East Africa

Undergraduate Seminars:

- History 600 - Advanced Seminar in History - Topics: "The New South Africa: The Challenges of Transition in a Post-Apartheid World"; "Race and Ethnicity in 20th -Century Africa"

Graduate Courses:

- History 751: Proseminar in African History
- History/Anthropology 774: Methods for Research in Non-Literate Societies
- History 861 - Seminar - History of Africa - Topics: "Selected Topics in African History"; "History of Health and Healing in Africa"; "History of South Africa"
- History 983 - Interdepartmental Seminar-African Studies - Topic: "Health, Disease, and Healing in Africa"



